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**Status and implementation of the Agreement on
the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs
and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP):
exchange of information among Parties under Article 6 of ATP**

Responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the ATP*

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. At WP.11's eightieth session in 2023, the Working Party thanked the 23 countries that had provided data in response to the questionnaire on the implementation of ATP in 2022 and stressed that it was mandatory to have information from all ATP contracting parties and that it was a means of harmonizing implementation of the agreement.
2. The secretariat requested all countries represented in WP.11 to reply to the questionnaire with their 2023 data. The data received from 23 countries are presented in the tables below.
3. Information on the number of checks made and breaches detected in 2023 has been provided by thirteen countries: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czechia, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Türkiye (see Table 1 below).

* Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage.



Table 1
Number of checks made and breaches detected in 2023

Country	BE	BiH	CZ	FIN	FRA	GR	IT	LV	POL	SK	SLV	SP	TKY
Number of ATP road checks	3201	166	1680	206	362	2739	*	235	6836	205	19	1425	388
Number of ATP rail checks	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breaches documents domestic/foreign	0/137		1/5	3/4	4/0	8/7	7/*	3/3	26/147	0/0	0/0	1190/20	0
Breaches thermal appliances domestic/foreign	0/0		2/0	*/*	0/0	0/0	39/*	12/1	0/0	5/0	0/0	0/0	0
Breaches body domestic/foreign	0/0		0/0	1/*	0/0	0/0	77/5	1/4	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0
Other breaches domestic/foreign	0/0		0/0	*/*	0/0	0/0	3/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/6	62/0	0
Total breaches domestic/foreign	0/137	0	3/5	4/4	4/0	8/7	126/7	16/8	26/147	5/0	3/6	1252/20	0
% of defective equipment	<1	*	1	3.9	11.2	*	*	10.2	*	2.44	47	4.87	0

Notes:

* Information not available.

** In the Netherlands the checks on compliance of carriage on the road are done by the Netherlands food and Consumer Product Safety Authority. This authority controls slaughterhouses and food distribution centres, where supervisions of carriage is an integral part. Reports are not transport specific and detailed information is not available.

During checks for the issuance of ATP certificates several shortcomings were registered and rectified before an ATP certificate was issued. Documentation 23 times, on the thermal appliance 11 times and the body (damage/seals/etc) 196. It should be noted that more than one finding may apply to the same piece of equipment.

The number of equipment offered for re-certification that cannot be certified any longer is very low (they just disappear and no exact numbers are available). It is assumed that a pre-check is carried out by the operators before being offered.

Ignoring double findings of the 230, this reflects up to 17% of the number of total ATP certificates issued.

*** In Denmark ATP checks are performed as part of the regular food control and specific numbers for ATP checks can only be extracted.

4. The secretariat received the following information from Bulgaria:

“The Bulgarian Food Safety Agency is authorized by the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria at the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva as a competent authority in the framework of the AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS AND ON THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR SUCH CARRIAGE (ATP) before the Economic Commission for Europe at the UN. There is no ATP test station built in the Republic of Bulgaria. The Republic of Bulgaria recognizes ATP certificates issued by stations officially recognized and included in the Convention of other competent authorities.

As a competent authority for food safety, BFSA does not carry out control activities regarding the compliance with the Convention, therefore we could not provide answers to the questions in the questionnaire requesting data on the application of the ATP Agreement.”

5. Additional information on the number of certificates issued in 2023 has been provided by twenty-two countries: Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, United Kingdom and United States of America (see table 2 below).

Table 2

Additional information on compliance with ATP: number of certificates issued in 2023

Country	BELA	BE	BiH	CRO	CZ	DK	FIN	FRA	GR	IT	LV
1 st cert new equipment	276	426	49	71	404	1076	619	15042	65	8650	24
2 nd cert inspection	143	289	47	100	1680	255	380	12527	202	4911	96
2 nd cert K value		0	25	80	10		0	62	8	4133	28
3 rd cert inspection	234	141	24	45	**		201	2992	54	5071	67
3 rd cert K value		0	21	0	**		0	21	0	3996	12
4 th cert inspection	157	8		0	**		50	27	16	4374	8
4 th cert K value		0		0	**		1	269	0	1884	0
5 th cert inspection	75	0		0	**		33	0	9		0
5 th cert K value		0		0	**		0	67		3250	0
Total	910	864	166	286	2094	1331	1284	32982	354	36369	235
Duplicates	25	5		0	4	40	*	494		450	17

* Certificates marked as "duplicate" are not issued in Finland. Instead, new certificates are issued to replace lost or erroneous ones. The number of such certificates in 2023 was 19 and they are included in the figures in the table.

** Information not available.

Table 2 (cont'd)

Country	NL	NW	POL	POR	SK	SLV	SP	SW	TKY	UK	USA
1 st cert new equipment	430	327	3621	621	580	123	12698	785	1602	1767	0
2 nd cert inspection	710	8	1778	903	0	277	10541	69	319	181	0
2 nd cert K value	0		1		0	0	5		0	0	0
3 rd cert inspection	202		2726	509	0	115	7155	27	0	54	0
3 rd cert K value	0		2		0	0	10		0	0	0
4 th cert inspection	47		2449		0	77	4417	14	0	16	0
4 th cert K value	0		2		0	0	161		0	0	0
5 th cert inspection	0		1086		0	59	4517		0	8	0
5 th cert K value	0		3		0	0	1887		0	0	0
Total	1382	335	11668	2284	580	641	41425	895	1931	2026	0
Duplicates	0		74	15	0	5	216		66	0	0

** Information not available